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LETTER TO THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

The following message was left by Examiner Rorie Burch (Telephone: 703-305-8391; Fax: 703-308-6642) on Curt Kinghorn's voice mail today:

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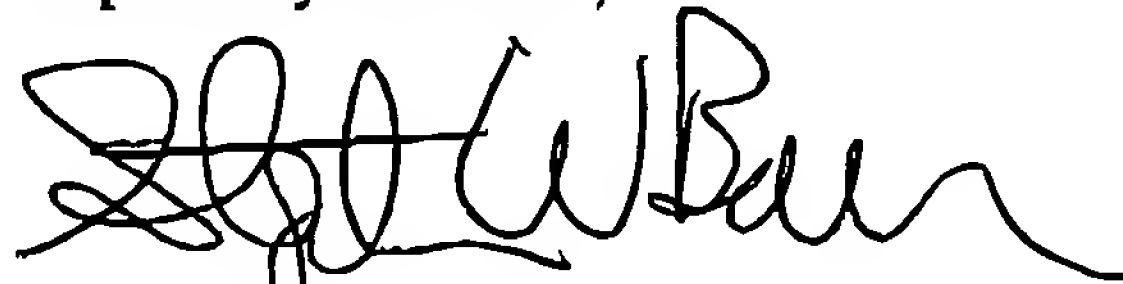
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In view of the foregoing, continued processing and issuance of this application are requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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